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This is Amateur Radio Station ZS6SRL of the South African Radio League, the National society for Amateur Radio in South Africa, with its weekly news bulletin. This bulletin is also available on the website of the SARL at www.sarl.org.za and packet bulletin boards.

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VISIT THE IARU STALL AT ITU AFRICA TELECOM 2001

Amateurs are encouraged to visit the IARU stall at the ITU Africa Telecom 2001 to be held at Galagher Estates. It is open from 12 16 November between 10:00 17:00 SAST. Do not miss this opportunity

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL AND MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING

The next Annual General Meeting of the SARL will take place on 20 April 2002 and in preparation for the event, nominations and motions are called for.

There are currently 6 vacancies on Council and in terms of Rule 16.2 nominations are invited from members of the SARL to fill these vacancies. Should more than 6 nominations be received a ballot will be held.

Each nomination must contain the following:
1. Full names, callsign and address of nominee. 2. An amateur radio related CV of not more than 200 words. 3. A signed declaration by the nominee that s/he will accept
nomination and serve on the Council of the SARL if elected. 4. Each nomination must be signed by a proposer and seconder. 5. Only fully paid-up members

(Rule 16.3) of the SARL may be
nominated, propose and second a nomination.

The nominations must reach the Secretary by no later than 30
November 2001.

Motions for submission and consideration at the Annual General
Meeting of the SARL are invited from members.

Each motion must contain the following:
1. A concise description of the motion. 2. A motivation in support of the motion. 3. Each motion must be signed by a proposer and a seconder.

The motions must reach the Secretary by no later than 14 December
2001.
The nominations and motions must be addressed to The Secretary,
SARL and mailed to P O Box 101 465, Scottsville, 3209 or faxed to
033 260 5586. Other contact details are: Tel 033 260 5952 and E- Mail: zs5kd@futurenet.co.za.

SARL TO PUBLISH CALL BOOK

The SARL is going to publish a printed Call Book in the very near
future and we request ALL radio amateurs who have not changed their
addresses and call signs, to notify HQ immediately so that all the
information in the new call book will be as correct as possible. It
will be most unfortunate if after going to all the trouble to print a
new Call Book only to find hundreds of incorrect details.
Please accept that you may have sent in your details previously but
please check to see whether your details have been correctly recorded.

You can ask a SARL member who has a computer to do this for you or ask your Club officials to check for you. We want the Call Book to be as correct as possible and we can only do this with your assistance. We thank you in anticipation of your doing so.
ZS5 amateurs can check with Laurie ZS5DL by phoning 031 709 1598 or by e-mail to ZS5DL @ futurenet.co.za.

RADIO SONDER GRENSE BROADCASTS THE ANNUAL REMEMBERANCE TODAY

Radio Sonder Grense will broadcast the annual Rememberance service
today to honour the radio amateurs who died in the World Wars
and while on duty for South Africa. The service will be conducted by
Rev Lendes de Villiers, ZS6LLV, at 10:45 SAST. The Amateur Radio
Mirror International program on 9750 and 21560 kHz will be scheduled
to include the service. The service will also be relayed on many VHF
repeaters and on 7082 kHz SSB. We appeal to all radio amateurs to
maintain radio silence during the transmission.
The South African Radio League wishes to thank Radio Sonder Grense

once again for their friendly gesture to broadcast the Rememberance Service for our radio amateurs.

RADIO AMATEURS OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS INVITED

Nominations for the Radio Amateur of the Year Awards are invited from clubs and individual Amateurs. The awards are sponsored by Siemens and administered by the South African Amateur Radio Development Trust and are awarded in two categories: Radio Amateur of the Year and Young Radio Amateur of the Year. The Radio Amateur of the Year Award is an open category while the Young Radio Amateur of the Year Award is restricted to persons under 25 years old. Each recipient will receive a R1000 award and a certificate. Nomination forms are available on the SARL Web or can be
requested by fax by sending an Email to armi@intekom.co.za or fax to 012 9915651. The closing date for nominations is 15 November 2001

SA HAMS PLEASE QSL

Bud Voortman ZS1B reports that the ZS1HELL expedition a few weeks ago had the aim of qualifying for the WAZS Award and contacted about 120 South African stations, with enough in each of the ZS divisions to do so. Thus far they have received only 50 QSLs. It is thus essential that they get a QSL from every ZS station that was contacted, so please send your QSL to P.O. Box 273, STRAND, 7140 as soon as possible. If you have no QSL cards please fill in the details on a post card which will suffice.

ANTENNAS and THE LAW

Remember to book your seat now for the lecture on Antennas and the Law which will be delivered by Tim Ellam VE6SH, one of the IARU Experts at the National Amateur Radio Centre on Wednesday 14 November at 18:30 for 19:00. Please book your seat by sending an Email to armi@intekom.co.za
or a fax to 012 991 5651. It will help the organisers with arrangements and the serving of light snacks. There is no charge for this SARL event.

NEWS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD

AFRICAN INTRUDERS DOMINATE OUR BANDS

Africa Intruders dominate many of our Amateur Band. The Kenya Monitoring Coordinator, Ted Alleyne, 5Z4NU spent the first two weeks of the month in Kilifi, 60 km north of Mombasa. Reception conditions were very good on the beach and more Somali intruders were heard, particularly on 30 metres (which band is not permitted here to the rightful users, Amateurs in Kenya.) Propagation conditions

deteriorated to some extent on 40 metres during the period, in spite of the higher than expected solar flux - the band was usually very quiet from about 0800 to 1500 UTC when the obscure jammers and unidentifiable broadcast stations started to dominate the band. Some 260 intruders were monitored

Somalis again featured in Uganda on 30 and 20 metres (10150, 14311 kHz). Missionaries, the Tanzania Electricity Supply Co., tourist firms and agricultural estates remained active in Tanzania, and military nets were observed both in Tanzania and Kenya, all on 40 m. There seems to be a reduction in intruders from southern Sudan, who are however still using 40 and 20-metre frequencies (7035.5, 14320 kHz). DRC intruders were active on all bands between 40 and 15 metres, but their 10-metres intruders were not heard again. The Tete Police in Mozambique were still using 7076 kHz. The Commercial Bank of Eritrea PACTOR stations were not noted, mainly due to equipment problems, but they are not thought to have left the 40-meter band. The broadcast station Voice of the Broad Masses, Eritrea, is firmly on 7100 kHz. Numerous others on 40 meters at night were not identified.

14 MHz is widely popular with intruders. Phone patching intruders (probably Chinese cordless) on 2 meters were active still in Nairobi, as well as some simplex, probably handheld. None were observed either at or during the journeys to and from the Coast.

South African Amateurs must take action now by providing the SARL IARU Monitoring System team with reports so that action can be taken by the SARL to involve government agencies to lodge complaints at the various sectors. South Africans can only lodge objections if the illegal intrusion in the amateur bands is monitored in South Africa, in other words when it is affecting our usage of the band. Send all your monitoring reports to SARL Councillor Laurie Devereau ZS5DL at zs5dl@futurenet.co.za or by telephone to 031 709-1598. Reports must be detailed with information such as time, frequency and ID of the intruding station. For more extensive monitoring reports visit the IARU website: www.iaru-r1.org and follow the link to the monitoring system web.

REMOTE CONTROLLED HF STATION

Dave Gould, G3UEG, has a “Special Research Permit” to set up an HF station that is remotely controlled over the telephone network. The ability to operate remotely will give many benefits, including the use of more effective antennas where planning restrictions or garden size limit what can be done at home. It could also be used to put antennas away from sources of man-made noise or to get away from EMC problems.
This will be the first step on what could become an interesting development. (FROM Q-NEWS).

FICTION THAT TURNS TO BE REAL

Amateurs in a South American Country invested a lot of hard earned money on new 70 cm equipment in preparation for satellite operation. Extensive antenna arrays were installed and many were all set to go with expectation high for the launch of a number of satellites. Then came the bad news, the government auctioned the 70cm band and took it away from them. Insurance companies were not interested, only the National Amateur Radio Society was prepared to fight the case. Many weren't members because . Well who knows what "because " means!! They now had to scramble to join.

With world wide assistance and now a strong membership, Government responded to the pressure of the National Amateur Radio Society and restored the 70cm band to Radio Amateurs.

Do we want to wait and have this happen to us. It could be 20 or 40 metres! You be the judge. The moral of this true story is join the South African Radio League, it's the best insurance policy you can buy and it is inexpensive. You don't even have to like the members of the council, they dedicated to protect the amateur service in South Africa they just need your membership support. Call Monday to Friday 011 675 2393 or email sarl@intekom.co.za and don't allow this to happen in South Africa.

YARIA

Yaria has been cancelled due to no school or club registered to participate. It is a pity that a golden opportunity to take amateur radio to schools has been lost.

Also join us in the following activities: The President's Net on Sundays 12:00 on 7082 kHz; Amateur Radio Mirror International Sundays at 10:00 on 9750 and
21560 kHz which is repeated Mondays at 20:00 on 3215 kHz.

We thank all contributors, individuals, clubs and other organisations for contributions to this bulletin and all stations who so reliably relay the bulletins. This bulletin was compiled by Marten ZS6ZY, and read by…….from …….

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This bulletin now ends and Sarlnews wishes you a pleasant week.

Goodbye to all. /EX